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1. ON JAN 24 ZYCIE WARSZAWY CARRIED A BRIEF AND FAVORABLE COMMENTARY BY GRZEGORZ JANZUNSKI ON THE SWEARING IN OF AMBASSADOR STOESSEL AND THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS AT THE CEREMONY ON THE IMPORTANCE OF AMBASSADOR STOESSEL'S MISSION IN MOSCOW. THE FULL TEXT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

" THE CEREMONY OF SWEARING IN THE NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TOTHE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN HELD IN WASHINGTON. AS WE HAVE ALREADY REPORTED, THE NEW AMBASSADOR IS MR. WALTER STOESSEL, WHO WAS FOR MANY YEARS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO WARSAW AND SHOWED HIMSELF DURING THIS PERIOD AS AN EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT SEEKING TO ESTABLISH FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN HIS FATHERLAND AND THE COUNTRY OF HIS MISSION.

" ACCORDING TO AGENCY TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS, DURING THE CEREMONY THE FLOOR WAS TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER WHO - AS WAS REPORTED BY THE FRENCH AFP-
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SAID THAT AMERICAN DIPLOMACY CONSIDERED THE MOSCOW MISSION

TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE, SINCE AN IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO POWERS LAY NOT ONLY IN THEIR INTERESTS BUT ALSO IN THE INTERESTS OF THE REST OF THE WORLD.

"THIS IS AN INDIRECT REPLY TO VOICES WHICH WERE HEARD RECENTLY IN SOME WESTERN CAPITALS (AS WELL AS IN PKING). IN THESE VOICES ONE COULD HEAR A NOTE OF DISSATISFACTION WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON AND WITH ITS IMPACT ON WORLD POLITICS. THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE PAST YEARS AND MONTHS INDICATE THAT THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO POWERS IS MAKING A GOOD TURN TO HUMANITY AS A WHOLE.

"ON HIS RETURN FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TOUR, KISSINGER RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THIS COOPERATION AT A PRESS CONFERENCE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE - AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE AFP - EMPHASIZED THAT THE MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE IN GENEVA AND ITS PROGRESS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT COOPERATION WITH MOSCOW, COOPERATION WHICH PLAYS A "USEFUL AND CRUCIAL ROLE. HE ALSO ADDED THAT HE HAD BRIEFED THE SOVIET UNION ABOUT ALL THE DIPLOMATIC MOVES HE HAD UNDERTAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISENGAGEMENT OF TROOPS ON THE SUEZ FRONT.

"KISSINGER ALSO TACKLED THE PROBLEM OF PUTTING AN END TO THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND RECALLED THAT DURING THEIR NEXT MEETING NIXON AND BREZHNEV INTEND TO SIGN A TREATY ON THIS QUESTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE PACKAGE OF TREATIES ALREADY SIGNED. THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO MOSCOW HAS ALREADY BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED. ITS PREPARATION WILL BE AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT TASKS FACING STOESSEL AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN THE SOVIET UNION."

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